

BATTLE RAGING AT DOOR OF BUCHAREST

**Teutons Bombarding Outer
Forts and Infantry Is Only
Ten Miles Away.**

BULGARS HURLED BACK

**Russians Continue Attacks in
Carpathians in Effort to
Aid Romania.**

TODAY, Dec. 2.—The great battle for Bucharest is still undecided. Romania's supreme effort to turn the tide has not succeeded, but the Teuton claws are closing tighter from north and south upon the Romanian capital.

Voivodin's heavy guns are bombarding the outer forts of Bucharest. His infantry regiments are fighting to the last Arges, across which flows only ten miles southwest of the city. The Romanians are striking desperately to prevent the capture.

Von Falkenhayn has cut through and broken with right rear, the first Romanian army, which tried to stand off the invaders fifty miles northwest of Bucharest. Romanian infantry captured the German headquarters and several officers of the German general staff.

Bulgaria Loses Two Towns.

South of Bucharest the Romanians have stalled a division back by a counter attack the village of Tzimina and Gostinari, some sixteen miles from Bucharest, from the Bulgarians who crossed the Danube. All the Bulgarian attacks have been turned back by the Romanians, who are trying to have Russian help in their defense.

Russia sent off, now in its fourth day of incessant and vicious fighting, has pushed back the Germans in the Carpathians to the outskirts of the little mountain town of Kirilovka. In this town a desperate hand-to-hand and house-to-house fight rages, a Reuter despatch from Kirilovka says.

With Kirilovka in its hands, the Russians will have the entrance to the Tisza or Kirilovka Pass through the mountains into the Hungarian plain. Russian commanders believe that with the town in their hands they can easily push through. Their guns already are pointing the Hungarian side of the pass from positions captured in the big sweep,

Russians in Great Attack.

Unceasing are the Russian attacks along the whole 200 miles Carpathian front. At many points they seem to have broken a stone wall of Teuton resistance. In the southern, the Romanian Carpathians, the Romanians, also stalled, have pushed ahead a little farther to Butovo and Volovaya, however the Germans have shambled. These two attacks near the Baltic Sea took place.

The great convertible bridges across the Danube is again the scene of an intense struggle. The Russians have taken the western part of it, Petrograd announces, and are battling with the Bulgars on the very bridge itself over the swollen waters of the Danube.

Coming with this Russian force, which crossed onto the bridge from the Danube station on the much west of the bridge, Gen. Suduroff's army, which arrived yesterday, has dash a heavy blow to the strength of the Bulgarian town of Constanca and Constanta held by the Bulgars. A second place taken was the town of Trajanopol, recently captured.

With entanglements, aided doubtless by British aerials, mass built for such work. Positions on heights have been normed.

Russia Only Hope.

In all this for dung battle, however, observers here see little encouragement for the defenders of Bucharest. Some may believe here that Bucharest itself is in danger of encirclement, and that the Teutons will be able to sweep across the Danube this time in the rear of Bucharest. Russia is the only hope, they say.

These writers base their belief on the Russian announcement yesterday that Teuton patrols had appeared at Lake Balaton, a lake between Budapest and thirty miles southwest of Bucharest. They believe the troops came from untenanted, the Romanian town opposite Tiszaújváros on the Danube. There is no official confirmation of this supposition.

A despatch in the *Niemeyer's Zeitung* says the outer fort of Buda is under fire and is being held, and is to the north the Romanians will try to defend Bucharest. Other writers agree with this view, despite detailed despatches telling of the measures taken to make the city ready for defense.

Again today the capture of greater numbers of Romanian troops, and more important news of large numbers of Teuton soldiers were announced to Berlin.

A partial count of yesterday's bag of prisoners is given as forty-nine officers and 8,115 men, forty-nine cannons and 100 loaded ammunition carts, besides many wounded other military vehicles. This total, though it has been pointed out, is not necessarily as the day's actual captures, they have lost prisoners and stores, guns particularly, in such numbers and so steadily that the result is the same.

River to Last Barrier.

Bogdan's immediate safety seems to depend on the ability of the Romanians to hold the line of the River Arges. This river is not so formidable an obstacle for an army as the Alte, from behind which the Romanians were forced to fall back in their final defense of Bucharest, but it is a serious one, the water, at least a foot deep, and the banks are the circle of roads of antiquated armored structures.

From its source in the Transylvanian Alps east of the Red Tower pass, the Arges flows southeastward, passing west of the heart of Bucharest, then turns eastward, the western end of the capital, and flowing into the Danube estuaries.

Again today, another army has been taken by Von Falkenhayn's troops, who left the Danube south of Petrod, though only the lower 100 miles of its course can be used to defend Bucharest. If it is true that most of Vla Moldavia's troops have crossed the border and offensive, then the lower Danube is turned against us.

Now, when we are told,

only that "The situation in Romania is developing in our favor." The statement issued during the day follows:

"Report of Archduke Joseph—Romania and Bulgaria are continuing in the wooded Carpathians and along the mountainous frontier. Yesterday they were directed especially against our positions on the Babadag and Gurarucda, and east of Dorne. We are in the Tzotz and Cizova valleys. The attacks were unsuccess-

ful, the enemy suffering many losses."

"German troops during an advance on one point in the wooded Carpathians took more than 1,000 prisoners."

"Front of Field Marshal von Mackensen—The engagements in Wallachia are now into a great battle line army which left the northern sector of the Kimpusen has moved around in the Dâmbovita sector during engagements."

"The Austrian statement reads:

"The Russian attack in the Carpathians continues with undiminished violence. The enemy was everywhere steadily repulsed, as on the previous day."

Bulgarian Statement.

A delayed Bulgarian statement fol-

"On November 28 we closed the

orders proving that in the position through which we had broken the first army should have fought to the last man. The commander of the army, apparently aware of the poor morale of his troops, issued an exhortation to the men of the Transylvanian frontier. Yesterday they were directed especially against our positions on the Babadag and Gurarucda, and east of Dorne. We are in the Tzotz and Cizova valleys. The attacks were unsuccess-

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Russian Statement.

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"In the Romanian front, Transylvania—In the valley of the rivers Tzotz, Tzotzach (Tzotzach) and Tzotz fighting continues. The enemy, displaying stubborn resistance, launched counter attacks against our detachments which have occupied an entire range of heights. This action. The heights are excessively bitter, and prisoners are being taken in small numbers."

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"Western front—In the region of Pitești our troops have been attacked violently and have been obliged to retire slightly. The violent combat on the Glavatitzia and Nislov rivers continues."

"Dobruja—Our troops have gained possession of the western part of Teleshivoda bridge, and in the region of Glakalid-Satulid we have controlled the enemy to the south from several heights."

"In the region of Dobruja the enemy, with shells charged with asphyxiating gas and fired on our corps with flaming bombs."

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